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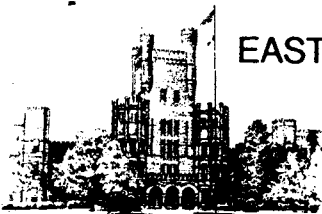
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CHARLESTON, IL --Three persons have been named distinguished alumni of Eastern Illinois University and will receive the awards at Homecoming on Oct. 17.

The recipients are:

H. Ogden Brainard, Charleston attorney and president of the EIU Foundation;

Hal Middlesworth, recently retired as Director of Public Relations for the Detroit Tigers American League baseball team;

And, Dr. John Keiser, President of Boise State (Utah) University.

Brainard is a 1925 graduate. He taught for several years before graduating from the University of Illinois law school in 1933. He has been a practicing attorney since that time and is a former president of the Illinois Bar Association.

He organized the EIU Foundation in 1953 and has served as the organization's legal counsel since that time. Brainard served on the Foundation's Board of Directors continuously until 1972. He returned to the Board in 1980 and was elected to the presidency on Aug. 2, 1981.

Brainard served one year as president of the Alumni Association and received an honorary degree from Eastern in 1973. In 1970 he was honored as an outstanding alumnus by the University of Illinois Law School.

A 1935 graduate, Middlesworth is a native of Cowden. His career in baseball and journalism spanned 45 years before his recent retirement.

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His newspaper work began in El Paso, Tex. He later was sports editor of the Daily Oklahoman before joining the sports staff of the Detroit Free Press in 1950.

He began work for the Detroit club in 1960 and is a longtime member of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He continues to be involved in baseball as publisher and editor of the annual Tiger Yearbook. Middlesworth also represented baseball owners in public relations in negotiating with the players' association.

Mr. and Mrs. Middlesworth are the parents of a son, Mike, who is managing editor of the Honolulu Advertiser.

Keiser graduated from Eastern with honor in 1958. He holds graduate degrees from Northwestern University. He taught at Westminster College in Missouri, at Eastern, and at Sangamon State in Springfield before going to Boise.

At Sangamon he served as vice president of academic affairs and was acting president in 1978. Keiser has had two books published and has twice won the Harry Pratt Award for the most significant articles in the Journal of the Illinois Historical Association.

Keiser is a native of Mt. Olive, Ill. He played varsity football and baseball at Eastern and was active in French and English clubs.

Keiser is married to the former Nancy Peterka, also a graduate of Eastern. Dr. and Mrs. Keiser are the parents of three boys.